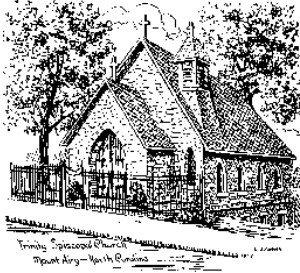


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The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

Nursery care is available downstairs.

If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter.

Restrooms are located downstairs.

Coloring books and crayons can be found in the narthex for children. Please return them at the end of the service.

Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.

Hymn in Procession # 663

- 1 The Lord my God my shepherd is;
how could I want or need?
In pastures green, by streams serene,
he safely doth me lead.

- 2 To wholeness he restores my soul
and doth in mercy bless,
and helps me take for his Name's sake
the paths of righteousness.

- 3 Yea, even when I must pass through
the valley of death's shade,
I will not fear, for thou art here,
to comfort and to aid.

- 4 Thou hast in grace my table spread
secure in all alarms,
and filled my cup, and borne me up
in everlasting arms.

- 5 Then surely I can trust thy love
for all the days to come,
that I may tell thy praise, and dwell
for ever in thy home.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.


The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

(kneel or stand as you are able)

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.

The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
 I shall not be in want.

- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
 and leads me beside still waters.

- 3 He revives my soul *
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's
 sake.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn # 304

- 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.
- 5 Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: John 10:1-10 (*stand as you are able*)

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Joan Killian

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(Standing)*

Intercessor Gathered in the care of the shepherd and guardian of our souls, let us pray to God who knows our every need saying: *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, and our bishops Sam and Jennifer, that we may find our peace and security in Christ who leads us along the paths of life.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that we who are called by the Good Shepherd may have courage to follow and openness to welcome all others who hear the call.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, that they may turn from threats of escalation and destruction to walk in the paths of wisdom and peace.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For all those who live daily in the shadows of fear, injustice and oppression, that they may come in and go out securely and find safe pasture.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For those who are hungry and unemployed, that God will lead them to the resources they need and open the hearts of many to assist them.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For all those in need of healing in body, mind and spirit, and others we now name (pause), that the Good Shepherd will anoint them with the healing balm of God's resurrecting power.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For those who have died, that they may have life and dwell in the house of God forever.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Philip & James the Apostles and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who soothes our head with oil and fills our cup with wine. Hear the prayers we offer for every need and revive us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and always and unto the ages of ages. *AMEN.*

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory and Doxology *Lasst uns erfreuen*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Stand as you are able. The Celebrant faces the people and sings or says

 The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and
everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Stand or kneel as you are able

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People* *AMEN.

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover Hymnal S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Hymn During Communion # 343

- 1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

- 2 We would not live by bread alone,
but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding-place.

- 3 Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

- 4 Lord, sup with us in love divine
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn in Procession # 460

- 1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

- 2 Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
“I am with you evermore”?

- 3 Alleluia! bread of Heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of holy Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

Immediate Needs:		Long Term Needs:
Michelle	Tammy Pendleton	Jane Carper
Mike	Diane Prichard	Ann Cochrane
Teresa Auld	Sheila Robbins	Jo Crouser
Jason Canning	Stephanie Serika	John Derrick
Jody Caudle	Beatie Smith	Paul Derrick
Jim Causer	Sid Spencer, Sr.	Ken Foil
Heath Church	Bruce Springthorpe	Steve Hines
Ken Collins	Matthew Stevens	Kenny Holt
Bob Correll	Kelli Vincen	Carrie Krahn
Clarence & Rosie Derrick	Joe Waddell	Kitty Martin
Harman Gilbert	Donna Ward	Kenny Matthews
Greg Goad	Page Warner	Barbara McGatlin
Jennifer Green	Henrietta Williams	Lorene Ramsey
Jan Frye-Hill	Dakota Wood	Phyllis Rose
Ray Hanna	<i>Summer Stage</i>	Erika Rowe
James (Pete) Haynes	<i>Western NC</i>	Candace Sammons
Phyllis Frye James		Mac Sammons
Kyle Jones		Kris Saunders
Gus Lewis		Denny Shelton
Cynthia Light		Jeanette Staples
Libby Lovill		Betty Town
Michelle Mayes		Vicky Town
Cheryl Menezes		John Townsend
Robert Morris		
Angie Nolfo		

TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Amanda Eads, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble, Robert Poole

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson
St. John's, Henderson

BIRTHDAYS

30th Kate Appler

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the upcoming birth of a baby girl for Hailey & Elise
by your Trinity Church Family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome The Rev. Joan Killian as our celebrant and guest preacher while Sarah is out.

It's a girl! Please join us immediately following the 10:30 service for a baby shower honoring Hailey Bowman and Elise Crocker.

Sarah & Robert-As Sarah announced on Easter, she will be on leave for the next few months. Hospice is now working with her husband, Robert; and they need as much time together now as they can manage.

Supply Clergy for the next few weeks will be:

May 3 rd	The Rev. Joan Killian
May 10 th	The Rev. James Franklin
May 17 th	The Rev. Mac Brown

The Rev. Andrew Heil from Grace Moravian will be here on Wednesday evenings for the 5:30 Eucharist.

Trinity's Ultreya group will gather following the 5:30 service on Wednesday, April 29th. If you have attended Cursillo or if you are interested, please join us. Please bring an item to share for a potluck dinner.

Next week's **First Sunday Potluck** and fellowship will celebrate Ann Cochrane's 90th birthday. We invite you to bring a card and a finger food such as an appetizer or dessert to share. We hope to see everyone there.

The **Staples Food Program** is currently collecting cans of tuna fish and Italian spices.

Messiah performance-Trinity is again joining with First Presbyterian in Pilot Mountain for a performance of the Easter portion of the *Messiah*. The concert will be at 2:00 pm on May 17th at Trinity.

Caregiver/Grief Support Group will resume meeting on Wednesday, May 20th at 3:00 p.m.

Our **annual parish picnic** with Sunday service, will be held at the home of Jim & Wendy Tatman on Sunday, May 31, starting at 11:00 am. More details will follow, but we hope you will put it on your calendar now.

Dear Friends,

Your Vestry has noticed that we could all use a reminder about courtesy behaviors in our sanctuary during services.

- *When we gather we should wait quietly for the service to begin, as many people wish to pray or meditate then.*
- *Unless there's a need, please try to avoid bringing beverages into the sanctuary*

Thank you for helping all of us to appreciate the beautiful and sacred space we are blessed to have here.

Introduction to the Biblical Wisdom Books

Part 3



➔ Saturday, May 2 ➔

9:30: Refreshments and Fellowship.

Session Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mount Airy Friends Meeting Fellowship Hall (located behind the main church)

109 West Wilson Street, Mt. Airy

Jack Ciancio, DRS will conclude his presentations on biblical wisdom literature with a study of Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth), a review of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach), and a final summation of biblical wisdom literature as an unparalleled source for seeking meaning to our lives in relationship with God.

Reading Recommendations: All of Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth). If possible, review Ecclesiasticus — (Google search Ecclesiasticus pdf).

MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE

Today	Ministry	Next Sunday
Nancy Dixon	LECTOR	Vicky Town
Mike Wilson	CHALICE BEARER	Jessica Simandle
Ted Ashby	GREETER	Josh Holt
Mike Wilson	ACOLYTE	Jessica Simandle

MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	Next Sunday
Lucinda Fallin	LECTOR	Ann Vaughn
Brenda & Jesse	CHALICE BEARER	Karen & Lucinda
Gloria & Larry	GREETERS	Margie & Martha
Jane Ciancio	ALTAR GUILD	Ann Vaughn
Brenda Goings	VESTRY	Pam Smith
Jesse Slate	ACOLYTE	Karen Nealis

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	12:00 p.m.	Baby Shower for Hailey & Elise
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Medical Loan Closet
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Book Group
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
	1:00 p.m.	Art Class
	3:00 p.m.	Medical Loan Closet
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		First Sunday Potluck

*No matter where you come from or where you're going
No matter what you believe or what you doubt
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today
No matter whom you love
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God
Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows
your mind, and...
Who wants to have a relationship with you*